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In regard to the patent application of **ROBERT E. PLATT** entitled **RAIL CLIP** being filed concurrently herewith, the attached Form PTO-1449 is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56 and 37 CFR 1.97 through 1.99.

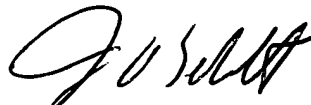
The patents listed on Form PTO-1449 (copies of which are enclosed) were located during a patent search conducted at the Patent and Trademark Office and during prosecution of related U.S. applications and these patents are believed to be the closest prior art known by applicant and the undersigned attorney with respect to the above application.

The cited patents are pertinent in that they pertain generally to mechanisms for connecting fence rails to posts.

However, the prior art set forth on Form PTO-1449 should not be construed as a representation that no better art exists, or that the information included therein is non-cumulative.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A	4,150,907	4/24/79	Thurnauer			
	B	5,026,028	6/25/91	Ooi et al			
	C	5,437,433	8/1/95	Rezek			
	D	5,788,224	8/4/98	Platt			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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